Quantum of Relief to Orissa

30. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the loss of life and property during the last devastation caused by cyclone in the coastal towns of Orissa;

(b) the quantum of relief provided to the States; and

(c) whether relief was commensurate with losses suffered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) The Government of Orissa has reported loss of 10,046 human lives, 6.01 lakh cattle/livestock, 18.82 lakh poultry birds and damage to 18.97 lakh houses and cropped area of 19.67 lakh ha. due to the cyclones of October, 1999 in Orissa.

(b) In addition to release of Rs. 42.50 crore as Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) to the State for 1999-2000, *ad-hoc* assistance of Rs. 500.00 crore has been released from the National Fund for Calamity Relief.

(c) The State Government has stated that the quantum of relief assistance provided so far is not commensurate with losses suffered. However, the urgent requirement to provide emergent relief and other short term rehabilitation measures have been taken care of by them with the Central assistance provided so far.

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